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Administration of Justice

Re-division of Revenue taluks in the Guntur district for purposes of administration of civil justice.

* 304 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the High Court has divided Revenue taluks in Guntur district and placed different divisions under the jurisdiction of different district munsifs' courts;

(*b*) whether any representations have been made to the Government by the people of that locality about their difficulties arising out of the subdivision of Revenue taluks for jurisdiction of munsifs' courts;

(*c*) what action has been taken by the Government on the representations;

(*d*) whether the Government have called for a report on this matter from the present District Judge, Guntur; and

(*e*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay the information on the table of this House?

A.—(*a*) The Government have no information. Under section 11 of the Madras Civil Courts Act the local jurisdiction of district munsifs is fixed by the High Court.

(*b*) No.

(*c*), (*d*) & (*e*) Do not arise.

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"May I ask whether the Government would be prepared to enquire into the difficulties felt in this matter?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"No, Sir, because the matter is entirely within the jurisdiction of the High Court and the Government would not interfere."

Pendency of cases on the file of the honorary bench magistrates' courts in the Madras City.

* 305 *Q.*—Mrs. K. Alamelumangathayaramma: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cases that are being posted for hearing every Monday in each of the honorary bench magistrates' courts in the Madras City;

(*b*) how many of those cases are actually disposed of on those days;

(*c*) how many cases are now pending in each Court; and

(*d*) whether the Government have any proposal under consideration to increase the number of honorary bench magistrates in those parts of the city where the number of pending cases is now heavy?

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A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government have no information but have called for it.

(d) In 1931 the Government sanctioned an increase in the number of Honorary Presidency Magistrates in the City of Madras from 100 to 150, as it was represented to them that with 100 Honorary Magistrates it was found difficult to constitute the benches. Since then they have also decided to increase the number of such Magistrates sitting singly to give relief to the stipendiary Magistrates and the question of accommodation for these courts is now engaging their attention. The Government have at present no proposal under consideration to increase the number of Honorary Magistrates in those parts of the city where the number of pending cases is heavy.

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR:—" The hon. the Law Member said that the work was heavy; yet he would not increase the number of Magistrates. May I request him to consider the question whether the number should be increased?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" It was recently increased from 100 to 150."

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR:—" Is the hon. Member aware that the number of cases is heavy?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" It is not too heavy for 150 Magistrates."

Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—" May I ask whether any honorarium is paid to these persons?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" No."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" Will the hon. the Law Member consider the advisability of transferring the court in Georgetown to Washermanpet?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" The Government were trying to find a building at Washermanpet but they were not able to do so."

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR:—" Will the hon. Member be pleased to state the qualifications for those Honorary Magistrates?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" No special qualifications are prescribed."

Location of the Honorary Bench Magistrates' Court, Washermanpet.

* 306 Q.—Mrs. K. ALAMELUMANGATHAYARAMMA: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Honorary Bench Magistrates' Court at Washermanpet is now located in Georgetown; and